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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS ON REOPENING THE BASES AND CYPRUS

1. THURSDAY (OCTOBER 16) TURKISH PRESS GAVE MODERATELY HEAVY COVERAGE TO REPORTED DISCUSSIONS GOING ON WITHIN THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT REGARDING CYPRUS AND PLANS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ON COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS. A FRONT PAGE REPORT IN TERCUMAN SAID THAT ACCORDING TO THE BBC THE GOT HAD DENIED A USG REQUEST TO RESUME ACTIVITIES AT SOME CDI'S. A TURKISH NOTE REPORTEDLY SAID: "WE CANNOT PERMIT THIS (REOPENING THE BASES) UNLESS A NEW DEFENSE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED BETWEEN THE U.S. AND TURKEY."

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2. IN A SIMILAR REPORT, NILUFER YALCIN, LIBERAL REFORMIST

MILLIYET WROTE OF A MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR MACOMBER AND FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL, DURING WHICH CAGAYANGIL ALLEGEDLY SAID THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WILL REACH A DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS. HE ADDED THE TALKS MIGHT START IN NOVEMBER. CAGLAYANGIL REPORTEDLY ALSO ASSERTED THAT THE BASES COULD NOT RESUME OPERATIONS UNTIL AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON NEW RULES AND ADJUSTMENTS ARE MADE IN THE BI-LATERAL DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP.

3. ALSO IN MILLIYET, SAMI KOHEN WROTE ON TURKEY'S FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES, CHIEFLY CYPRUS: "...EVERYONE HAS AGREED ON THIS: THERE WERE TWO REASONS WHICH PREVENTED TURKEY FROM TAKING ACTION ON CYPRUS. THE FIRST WAS THE ARMS EMBARGO, AND THE OTHER WAS THE ELECTION IN TURKEY. SINCE THESE OBSTACLES HAVE BEEN REMOVED, PEOPLE ARE AWAITING ANKARA'S MOVE....MANY COUNTRIES ARE GETTING READY TO TAKE AN INITIATIVE TO GET THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT MOVING. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER MAY START HIS SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY.... WALDHEIM ALSO INTENDS TO EXERT EFFORTS TO PAVE THE WAY FOR INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ON CYPRUS....UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, TURKEY MAY LOSE BY DOING AND SAYING NOTHING, AND OUR COUNTRY MAY BE PUSHED INTO DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION. THE TIME HAS COME TO TAKE DECISIONS ON THIS NATIONAL ISSUE."

4. IN THE PRO-RPP BARIS, PROFESSOR AHMET SUKRU ESMER WROTE ON THE EMBARGO ISSUE: "THE PARTIAL AND CONDITIONAL LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO HAS CAUSED DISAPPOINTMENT IN TURKEY SINCE IT ELIMINATED THE POSSIBILITY OF RETURNING TO THE SITUATION PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 5....IT SEEMS THE AMERICANS HAD EXPECTED THE DECISION TO BE MET WITH JOY....THE DIS-APPOINTMENT IN TURKEY HAS RESULTED IN DISAPPOINTMENT IN AMERICA ALSO....HOWEVER, THE U.S. CONGRESS REACHED THE EMBARGO DECISION UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE GREEK LOBBY. ITS LIFTING WAS A MUST FROM THE SECURITY ANGLE....BUT THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO HAS ALSO LAID DOWN CERTAIN UNACCEPT-ABLE CONDITIONS, SUCH AS POPPY CULTIVATION AS WELL AS THOSE DEALING WITH CYPRUS AND GREECE. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES THE CONTINUATION OF THE EMBARGO WOULD BE BETTER THAN LIFTING IT....IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO RETURN TO THE OLD DAYS AFTER THIS BITTER EXPERIENCE. THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY

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CANNOT RELY ON A COUNTRY WHICH HAS COME UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE GREEK LOBBY. THE REALDISAPPOINTMENT OF THE TURKS WAS TO SEE THIS WEAK SIDE OF AMERICA."

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